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milk is not boiled, of course the danger is much greater than it is in our country. This is our safety valve. The only alternative is perhaps, on a national scale, to boil the milk before taking it; that could be practised."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether the Wellesley Sanatorium which he mentioned in his reply will be converted into a civil tuberculosis hospital?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Government have already decided to take it over and convert it into a civil T.B. Sanatorium."

War service candidates for Medical service.

* 175 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : With reference to answer to question 3 answered on 31st January 1947 will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that war service candidates in the medical service were asked to apply to the Federal Public Service Commission for posts;

(*b*) whether the applicants belonging to this Province were interviewed by the Madras Public Service Commission in October last;

(*c*) whether the Government have received from the Public Service Commission the approved list of candidates;

(*d*) whether any, and if so, how many of those candidates have been appointed;

(*e*) the names and the districts to which these appointees belong;

(*f*) whether the temporary appointments made of candidates during the war are still treated as temporary;

(*g*) whether there are still many vacancies in the Medical Department which remain unfilled, and if so, when it is proposed to fill them up; and

(*h*) whether it is a fact that there are hospitals in the Province without medical personnel or understaffed?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Applications for the posts of Civil Assistant Surgeons were received by the Federal Public Service Commission up to 1st April 1946 and subsequently by the Chief Secretary up to 1st November 1946.

" (*b*) The Commission interviewed some of the applicants for Provincial services in October last.

" (*c*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*d*) & (*e*) No one has been appointed. No information can therefore be furnished.

" (*f*) The answer is in the affirmative.

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"(g) There are a few vacancies in the Medical Department and they will be filled up shortly as soon as candidates are available.

"(h) None of the hospitals sanctioned to be in charge of Civil or Sub-Assistant Surgeons is without medical personnel at present. There is no information as to whether any of the existing medical institutions is understaffed."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister for Public Health whether he would ask the Public Service Commission to expedite their recommendations, as a number of demobilized medical men have been waiting to be absorbed in the medical service?"

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The orders of Government fixing the proportion of candidates to be recruited from the war service personnel and other people were issued only a few days ago. So, the selection is expected to be published soon."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" May I know whether any I.N.A. men have been recruited to these jobs?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No information, Sir."

DR. SIR A. LAKSHMANASAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I suggest to the Government that as it is the first time after fifteen or sixteen years that they are recruiting permanently to the medical services, they might consider the conditions under which recruitment should be made, keeping in view the recommendations of the Bhore Committee and the method in which that committee has suggested recruitment should be made to the teaching staff, to the honorary services and the various other posts? Also may I suggest the appointment of a Committee for considering all these aspects of the matter and then coming to a final decision, before recruiting these people on a permanent basis?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The suggestion will be considered, Sir."

Maternity and Child-welfare Centres in the Province.

* 176 Q.—MRS. M. N. CLUBWALA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of maternity and child-welfare centres run in the Province (districtwar);

(b) the amount of grants made from Provincial funds and the rules governing such grants;

(c) whether the Government have under consideration any programme for increasing the number of maternity and child-welfare centres, and if so, what the programme is;

(d) whether private bodies such as Red Cross Society and other associations are also assisted to run these centres;